

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toki (U.S. Patent 6,427,017) in view of Komura (U.S. Patent 6,554,098) and in view of admitted prior art (APA).

Claims 1 and 3 are amended as set forth herein. Please cancel Claims 4-8 without prejudice.

The amendment to Claim 1 recites the presence and positioning of polarizing plate with respect to the LCD window and the main body of the terminal. The amendment to Claim 3 establishes consistency with Claim 1 regarding the designation for the polarizing plate.

Toki discloses a piezoelectric diaphragm with a transparent piezoelectric member and a transparent electrode incorporated in an LCD structure in a mobile telephone application. Komura teaches a panel speaker including an acoustic vibrating plate, and a vibration driver mounted off a center of the acoustic vibrating plate, wherein a variety of materials may be used for the vibrating plate. APA recognizes that the plate upon which the speaker is mounted may be divided into a first and second portion. The Examiner further asserts that routine art in many electronic devices provides for a window covering of LCD devices.

It is believed that none of the cited references or prior art, alone or in combination, teaches the structure and arrangement as recited in Claim 1, as amended. In particular, the combination of references fails to disclose or suggest the LCD module having a polarizing plate having an upper surface facing the second surface of the LCD window and a lower surface opposite the upper surface, the polarizing plate being divided into a first portion located adjacent to the LCD window and a second portion extended from the first portion, for mounting a panel-type speaker to the lower surface of the second portion of the polarizing plate.

Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 1, as amended is in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of the dependent claims, Claims 2 and 3 are also

believed to be in allowance for at least the above reasons.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-3 be withdrawn and the Claims 1-3 be allowed.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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